

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawing includes changes to FIG. 5. The sheet containing FIG. 5 replaces the original sheet including FIG. 5.

In the Office Action at item 3, the Examiner objected to the drawings. In order to overcome these objections, replacement figure 5 is submitted herewith. In FIG. 5, the following features that are claimed are added to FIG. 5: the paper feed driving motor, the lever restoring member, and the encoder as suggested by the Examiner. Changes have been made to the Drawings only to place it in preferred and better U.S. form for issuance and to resolve the Examiner's objections raised in the Office Action of February 28, 2006. The paper feed driving motor is labeled with reference number 142, the lever restoring member is labeled with reference number 223, and the encoder is labeled with reference number 238. Support for the Amendment to the Drawings is found in paragraphs [0026, 0052, and 0057].

Approval of these changes to the Drawings is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification, the drawings, and claim 1 have been amended. Claims 1 and 4-25 are pending and under consideration.

DRAWINGS:

The drawings were objected to for not showing the encoder, paper feed driving motor, and lever restoring member. The encoder was recited in claim 24. The paper feed driving motor was recited in claims 1 and 25. The lever restoring member was recited in claim 20. Amended figure 5 shows the encoder 238, paper feed driving motor 142, and lever restoring member 223. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

SPECIFICATION:

The specification was objected to because the claimed elements of: the encoder, paper feed driving motor, and lever restoring member were not identified using a reference numeral. The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS:

The Applicant respectfully submits that the claim amendment overcomes the Examiner's objections. No new matter has been added.

Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that all outstanding objections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the cited art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited. At a minimum, the Board should enter this Amendment at least for purposes of Appeal as it either clarifies and/or narrows the issues for consideration.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited and possibly concluded by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss any such remaining issues.

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If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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